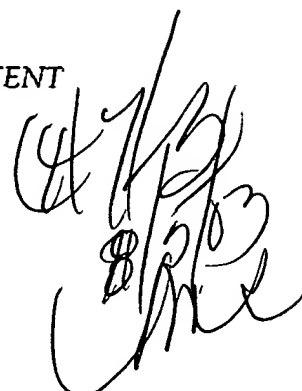


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PATENT

Application No.: 09/965,299)
Applicant: Vaz, Guy Andrew)
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Structure")

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Re: Response to Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as described below. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.